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CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

February 7, 2002

Dear Stakeholder:

The California High-Speed Rail Authority's February 20, 2002 public Board Meeting will be held at San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) Board Room, 401 "B" Street, Suite 800, San Diego (see agenda attached).

This meeting will include a staff update on the Authority's progress in the Los Angeles-Orange County-San Diego (LOSSAN) Corridor. A funding agreement with the Department of Transportation has been finalized and the Authority's \$2.5 million technical studies for rail improvements in the existing LOSSAN rail corridor are underway. Following the LOSSAN corridor presentation, other agencies/entities that play critical roles in the ownership, planning, operation or maintenance of the LOSSAN corridor will be encouraged to comment. Also on the agenda is a presentation from TALGO on their high-speed train technology and Spain's rapidly expanding high-speed train network. SANDAG's Regional High-Speed Rail Task Force is hosting this Authority meeting.

On January 10, 2002 Governor Davis proposed \$8.46 million for the 2002-3 fiscal year to the Authority, which combined with the \$1.25 in a federal appropriation the Authority received last month, makes it possible for the Authority to prepare the draft program EIR/EIS by June 30, 2003. Governor Davis also appointed two prominent Californians to the Authority, Dr. Ernest A. Bates, CEO of American Shared Hospital Services in San Francisco, and Joseph E. Petrillo, a partner in the San Francisco law office of Sheppard Mullin Richter and Hampton. At the January 16, 2002 Authority Board Meeting in Sacramento, the Secretary of Business, Housing and Transportation Agency, Maria Contreras-Sweet, strongly reiterated Governor Davis's support for the high-speed train program and State Senator Jim Costa pledged continued support from the Legislature.

At the January 16, 2002, Board Meeting, the Authority completed an initial screening of alternatives – a major milestone in the program-level EIR/EIS process. The Authority has greatly reduced the number of alignments, station locations and types of high-speed trains to be further investigated. For more information, please see the "What's New" and "Environmental Review page" on our website (www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov). Comments can be sent to our mailing address, via our website or by attending our Authority meetings. The Authority looks forward to your input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Morshed'.

Mehdi Morshed



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